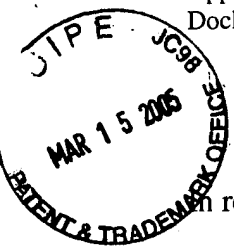


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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 28, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire May 28, 2005. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.